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Mount Savage Iron Works

1839

Mount Savage

The Mount Savage Iron Works was erected in 1839 in order to supply iron and steel for the growing railroad industry. Operations of the Savage Works began in 1844 when the first iron rails made in the United States were produced for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad which was approaching Cumberland. The old kiln is constructed of stone featuring rubble bond with the sides sloping into the general shape of an "A." The interior walls and ceiling are paved with firebrick laid in American Common Bond with the ceiling brick forming a semi-elliptical arch which is over a foot thick.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Mount Savage Iron Works

AND/OR COMMON

Old Savage Iron Works Ruins - Kiln

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Between New School Road & Old Row Road; Mount Savage

CITY, TOWN

Mount Savage

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

Kiln no longer used

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☒ STRUCTURE
☒ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☒ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☒ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mount Savage Refractories Company

Telephone #: 264-3571

STREET & NUMBER

Foundry Row

CITY, TOWN

Mount Savage

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21545

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 422 408

Folio #: 304 109

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The old kiln of the Mount Savage Iron Works is located between New School Road and Old Row Road, in Mount Savage, Allegany County, West of the intersection of Route 36 North.

The old kiln is constructed of stone featuring rubble bond with the sides sloping into the general shape of an "A". The interior walls and ceiling are paved with fire-brick laid in American Common Bond construction, with the ceiling brick forming a semi-elliptical arch which is over a foot thick.

The kiln is in a state of ruins and much of the original fabric has toppled and is unexposed.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD

☐ PREHISTORIC
☐ 1400-1499
☐ 1500-1599
☐ 1600-1699
☐ 1700-1799
☒ 1800-1899
☐ 1900-

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
☒ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ ARCHITECTURE
☐ ART
☐ COMMERCE
☐ COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING
☐ CONSERVATION
☐ ECONOMICS
☐ EDUCATION
☐ ENGINEERING
☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
☒ INDUSTRY
☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
☐ LAW
☐ LITERATURE
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSIC
☐ PHILOSOPHY
☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☐ RELIGION
☐ SCIENCE
☐ SCULPTURE
☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ THEATER
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES 1839

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Mount Savage Iron Works was erected in 1839 for the purpose of supplying iron and steel to the newly coming age of the railroad for transportation. Operations of the Savage Works began in 1844 when the first iron rails, made in the United States, were produced for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad which was approaching Cumberland. Before the Mount Savage Works started the only source of iron rails was to import them from England. However, when the Savage operation began it not only supplied a source of less expensive rails, it also contributed greatly to the growth of Mount Savage.

Although very little remains of the smelting kilns and plant operations, the ruins of the kiln still on the site is a cultural reminder of the historic beginning of rail manufacturing and transportation in Allegany County and the United States.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Combined acres Approx. 2,000

Approx 3 acres around Kiln

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

A portion of the combined property holdings of 2000 acres by the
Mt. Savage Refractories

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John E. Nelson, Program Coordinator of All. Co. Historic Sites

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

5/27/76

STREET & NUMBER

10 Park Lane

TELEPHONE

689-8486

CITY OR TOWN

Frostburg

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. A1-V-A-032

Liber - 422 253
Folio - 304 109

DATE: 5/24/76

RECORDING: Drastic, moderate, minor - None - No Longer in use

NAME OF PROPERTY: Mt Savage Iron Works - Old Kiln

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Between New School Rd + Old Row Rd; Mt Savage

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: Northeast

NAME OF OWNER: Mt Savage Refractories

ADDRESS: Foundry Row

Mount Savage, Maryland 21545

STORIES: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- () BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- () STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- () LOG
- () Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS _____

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, FLAIN, BEVIELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged () nailed() wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: _____

HARDWARE: original() replaced()

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original() replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,

Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, LANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, BORMERS #

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER _____ BRICK() STONE() CORBELLED() original() replaced()

LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use -

Significance - Industry

Date Constructed - 1847

Condition - Ruins

Key points regarding interior architecture.

1. Floor plan

No through hall--How many rooms long and deep?
Where is stairway? Straight or winding?

With through hall--Rooms on both sides? How many?

Rooms on one side only? How many?

Is stair in through hall?

Open or enclosed? Straight--one run. Straight--landing

How many? Curved.

If not in hall, where is stair?

2. Wall finish: plaster, paneled, board partition
Note presence of chair rail, cornice, etc.

3. Fireplaces: How many? Parallel to walls or diagonal in corner?

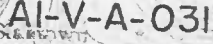
Mantels: wood--mouldings, pilasters, columns
masonry--marble(what color?), brick

3. Doors: on the inside of exterior doors, note the presence of applied flush boards and their direction (diagonal, vertical, horizontal). In general are doors paneled or ledge or other?

4. Door and window trim: plain, architrave; fluted, reeded; pilasters

5. Kitchen: Where is original if extant or known (marked by very large fireplace)? Separate building; wing to principal dwelling; within principal dwelling? On which floor of any of the above?

6. Any other points of interest (e.g., any other rooms, etc.)





Mt. Savage Iron Works

A1-V-A-032 Old Kiln

Mt. Savage

John E. Nelson

5/21/76

Southwest



MOUNT SAVAGE IRON WORKS

1839

IN 1844 THE FIRST IRON RAILS MADE
IN THE UNITED STATES WERE PRODUCED
ON THIS SPOT BY THE MOUNT SAVAGE
IRON WORKS. ERECTED IN 1839, THE
IRON WORKS CONTRIBUTED EXTENSIVELY
TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MOUNT
SAVAGE COMMUNITY.

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